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Docket No. 275.00030102

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Applicant(s): Li et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1635  
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Serial No.: 10/038,984 ) Examiner: Tracy Ann Vivlemore  
Confirmation No.: 9705 )  
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Filed: January 4, 2002 )  
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For: COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR IN VIVO AND IN VITRO  
ATTENUATION OF GENE EXPRESSION USING DOUBLE STRANDED  
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE  
UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed October 5, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on the page entitled "Amendments to the Claims."

Remarks begin on the page entitled "Remarks."